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INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

ACTION PLAN MEETING – MAY 25, 2016 – COMMISSION ON YOUTH



MISSION

Studying and making recommendations relative to services for unaccompanied homeless youth, with the goal of providing a comprehensive and effective response to the unique needs of this population.

WORK TO DATE

- Completed 2014 and 2015 Annual Youth Counts
- BU School of Social Work Conducted a preliminary overview of state and federal policies that impact unaccompanied homeless youth
- Through recommendations from the Demonstration Working Group and the criteria established through statute, administered \$1 million in funding in FY16 to 8 regional providers to serve unaccompanied homeless youth



GOALS AND ONGOING WORK

Policy Working Group

- State Agencies are reviewing the BU School of Social
- Work report and are compiling a response to complete the picture presented by the report.
- The Report and the State Agency Response will be used to set and the agenda for the Policy Working Group in FY17 to complete our statutory charge of providing recommendations for regulatory or legislative action to improve services for unaccompanied homeless youth.

Identification and Connection Working Group

- The 2016 Youth Count is underway!
- We are working with the 3 youth appointees to the Commission to further engage them in the work of the 2017 count and report.

Demonstration Working Group

- Will continue to meet in FY17 to provide recommendations for outcome measures from the organizations implementing the unaccompanied homeless youth funding.